

17 June

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27 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Staff

ATTENTION: Chief, Logistics Branch

SUBJECT: Precontractual Activities on the AP/3 Development

REFERENCE:

1. Purchase of AP/3, TID/TAB-168/64, dated 17 December 1964.
2. Establishment of High-priority on Development of Stereocomparator; TID-224/64, dated 21 December 1964.
3. Development of an Analytical Plotter/3 (AP/3); TID-5/65, dated 6 January 1965

1. The Technical Intelligence Division has a pressing requirement for a better stereocomparator capability than presently exists in the NPIC. Based on the above referenced correspondence, and further substantiated in the NPIC Production Board Sub-committee for mensuration, a high-priority was placed on this matter by the Development Branch. Since an advanced state-of-the-art stereocomparator based on TID requirements would take several years at best to develop, it was decided to explore expeditions development of an advanced version of the AP/2 stereocomparator (AP/3) to meet TID's urgent requirements. In addition, the AP/3 would give the NPIC a capability to accomplish certain installation mapping tasks which are now being sent to ACIC.

2. [redacted] was contacted, and the development of the AP/3 was dismissed, with emphasis on rapid delivery

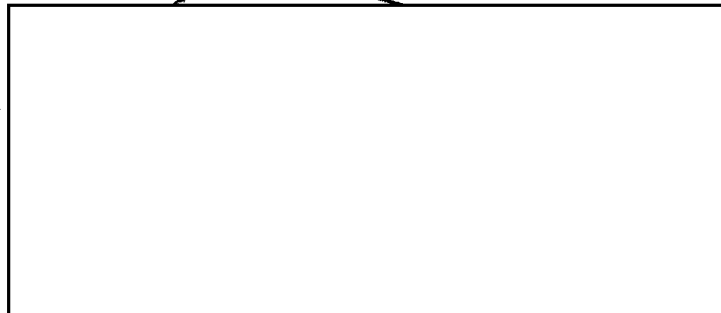
3. On 12 February 1965 an unsolicited proposal was received from the [redacted] and the AP/3 procurement action was presented to the Technical Development Committee on 17 February 1965. The AP/3 development program as presented to the TDC was approved by [redacted] on 5 March 1965, and the Research and Development Project Approval Request was signed on 6 April 1965. On 8 April 1965, the requisition was typed and forwarded to the Office of Logistics.

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To date the OL/PD has not completed the negotiations on the AP/3 procurement.

4. The Development Branch has evaluated the requirements by TID, established specifications for the AP/3, negotiated the technical and delivery aspects with the Contractor and has obtained, reviewed and accepted the proposal in less than two months. Thus far nearly three additional months have passed since the AP/3 development was signed by Mr. [redacted] and a contract still is not in existence.



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